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Response to Official Action

In the Drawings

There are no amendments to the drawings.

Remarks

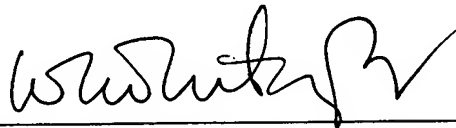
Applicant has amended Claim 13 and added new Claim 22. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was added by the amendment, as all of the amended matter was either previously illustrated or described in the drawings, written specification and/or claims of the present application. (See, Par. 22 & 24-25; FIGS. 1-3) Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

The examiner has stated that Claims 13-21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections to set forth components of the system for generating the loop current, for generating the plasma and introducing the material sample into the plasma. (Official Action 12/29/05, p. 2). Applicant has therefore amended Claim 13 to recite the components as requested. Applicant further respectfully submits that new Claim 22 is also allowable over the prior art for the same reasons as Claim 13.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-22 are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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